

Town of Yountville

Resolution Number 24-4277

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF YOUNTVILLE CONSENTING TO DOGS BEING OFF LEASH AT AND ESTABLISHING REGULATIONS FOR THE YOUNTVILLE COMMONS INTERIM OFF-LEASH DOG PARK

Recitals

- A. At the May 21, 2024, Town Council Meeting, the Council received a staff report and public comment, provided feedback, and approved the proposal for placement of an Interim Off-Leash Dog Park at the North-East corner of the Yountville Commons Field as depicted on **Exhibit A**, attached hereto and incorporated by reference (the "Site").
- B. The proposed use and location of the Interim Off-Leash Dog Park at the Site is temporary and will be considered "interim" while the community and Council undergo the long-term planning process for the Site and larger Yountville Commons area.
- C. Sections 12.12.270 and 6.04.060 of the Yountville Municipal Code ("YMC") prohibit dog owners from permitting their dogs to be off-leash in public places without the Town's consent.
- D. At the May 21, 2024 Town Council Meeting, the Council received public comment, provided feedback to staff, and unanimously approved the regulations set forth on **Exhibit B**, attached hereto and incorporated by reference (the "Regulations"), and design of the Interim-Off Leash Dog Park proposed at the Site.
- E. The proposed regulations ensure the use of the Site as an Interim Off-Lease Dog Park shall comply with YMC Title 6 ("Animals") and Chapter 8.04 ("Noise Control Regulations").
- F. It is now necessary and desirable to adopt a resolution that grants formal consent for dogs to be off leash upon the Site and establishes regulations for use of the Site as an Interim Off-Leash Dog Park.

Now, therefore, the Town Council of the Town of Yountville does resolve as follows:

SECTION 1. RECITALS. The above recitals are true and correct and are incorporated by this reference.

SECTION 2. REGULATIONS. The Town hereby adopts the Regulations to govern the use and operation of the Site as an Interim Off-Leash Dog Park. Staff is hereby directed to post, or cause to be posted, signage displaying the Regulations at the Site. Upon posting, a violation of any such regulation shall be a violation of the YMC subject to enforcement as authorized by the YMC and law.

SECTION 3. CONSENT. The Town Council, on behalf of the Town as owner of the Site, hereby grants consent for dog owners to permit their dogs to be off leash at the Site in accordance with the Regulations.

SECTION 4. CEQA. The adoption of this resolution is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to section 15061(b)(3) (Common Sense Exemption) of the CEQA Guidelines (Cal. Code Regs., Title 14, § 15000, et seq.) as it can be seen with certainty that the adoption of this resolution will not have a significant effect on the environment. To the extent the adoption of this resolution is

determined to be a project subject to CEQA, it is categorically exempt pursuant to sections 15301 (Class 1, Existing Facilities), 15303 (Class 3, New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures), and 15304 (Class 4, Minor Alterations to Land) of the CEQA Guidelines. As adoption of this resolution involves only minor alteration of the Site, negligible expansion of the current use of the existing Site, construction of small structures or facilities such as fencing, and minor alteration of existing vegetation on the Site without the removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees, this approval is exempt from the requirements of CEQA.

SECTION 5. CERTIFICATION. The Town Clerk shall certify the passage and adoption of this resolution.

SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE. This resolution is hereby adopted and becomes effective and in full force immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Yountville, State of California, held on this 18 day of June, 2024 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Margie Mohler, Mayor

ATTEST:

Hilary Gaede, Communications Director/ Town Clerk

Exhibit A
Yountville Commons & Interim Off Lease Dog Park Site



Exhibit B

Interim Off-Lease Dog Park Regulations

PASSIVE POOCH AREA

- Lower-energy play
- Roaming, sniffing and socializing
- All size of dogs welcome

ACTIVE EXERCISE AREA

- High-energy Play
- Fetch, run, chase, and play encouraged
- All size of dogs welcome

GENERAL RULES

- Hours 8 AM – Dusk
- No excessive barking.
- Dogs must always be monitored by their owner.
- Dogs must be on leash when coming and going and until they enter the holding area and both gates are closed.
- Dogs must be under voice control.
- Grooming is not allowed.
- All dogs must be healthy, licensed, over 4 months old and be currently vaccinated.
- Absolutely no female dogs in heat are allowed.
- Smoking or vaping is not allowed.
- Food is not allowed.
- Glass is not allowed.
- All children under 13 must be accompanied by a responsible adult.
- Owners are responsible for the acts and conduct of their animal.
- Park users and dog owners assume all risks related to the use of the dog park.
- For the safety of all dogs, immediately leash your dog if it exhibits aggressive behavior and leave the dog park area.
- **You are required to clean up after your dog. Waste bags and receptacles are available.**
- ALL dog bites must be reported to Napa County Animal Control 707-253-4452
- Please call 911 for Emergencies or the Napa County Sheriff's Department Non-Emergency Number (707) 257-9223 to report a non-emergency issue.